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Osage Nation Historic Preservation Office

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File: 2223-4212MO-11

RE: STB, V and S Railway Abandon line in Franklin County, Missouri

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Alan Tabachnick

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Sent via email

Dear Mr. Tabachnick,

The Osage Nation Historic Preservation Office has evaluated your submission regarding the proposed STB, V and S Railway Abandon line in Franklin County, Missouri and determined that the proposed project **most likely will not adversely affect any sacred properties and/or properties of cultural significance to the Osage Nation**. For direct effect, the finding of this NHPA Section 106 review is a determination of “**No Properties**” eligible or potentially eligible for the National Register of Historic Places.

In accordance with the National Historic Preservation Act, (NHPA) [54 U.S.C. § 300101 et seq.] 1966, undertakings subject to the review process are referred to in 54 U.S.C. § 302706 (a), which clarifies that historic properties may have religious and cultural significance to Indian tribes. Additionally, Section 106 of NHPA requires Federal agencies to consider the effects of their actions on historic properties (36 CFR Part 800) as does the National Environmental Policy Act (43 U.S.C. 4321 and 4331-35 and 40 CFR 1501.7(a) of 1969). **The Osage Nation concurs that the Surface Transportation Board fulfilled NHPA compliance by consulting with the Osage Nation Historic Preservation Office in regard to the proposed project referenced as STB, V and S Railway Abandon line in Franklin County, Missouri.**

The Osage Nation has vital interests in protecting its historic and ancestral cultural resources. We do not anticipate that this project will adversely impact any cultural resources or human remains protected under the NHPA, NEPA, the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act, or Osage law. **If, however, artifacts or human remains are discovered during project construction, we ask that work cease immediately and the Osage Nation Historic Preservation Office be contacted.**

Should you have any questions or need any additional information please feel free to contact me at the number listed below. Thank you for consulting with the Osage Nation on this matter.

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